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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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FOR: USE OF DHEA OR PRECURSORS :  
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THEREOF AS A DEPIGMENTING  
AGENT

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 14 and 25.

Please amend the claims as follows.

--12. (Twice Amended) A method of depigmenting and/or bleaching for the skin and/or to improving the homogeneity of the color of the skin, comprising applying DHEA or at least one biological precursor thereof or metabolic derivative thereof to the skin, wherein said metabolic derivative thereof is selected from the group consisting of 5-androstene-  
 $3\beta,17\beta$ -diol, 5-androstene- $3\beta,17\beta$ -diol sulfate and 4-androstene-3,17-dione and said

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Request for Reconsideration w/Marked-Up Copy (8 pp.) in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required  
 Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.  
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